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SUBJ: GOG BUDGET FOR 1975 APPROVED BY PARLIAMENT

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1. ON JUNE 3 PARLIAMENT APPROVED THE 1975 GREEK STATE BUDGET AS PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT. THE MIDLY REFLATIONARY BUDGET CALLS FOR REGULAR EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES BALANCED AT \$4.7 BILLION, AND AN ALMOST COMPLETELY DEFICIT-FINANCED PUBLIC INVESTMENT BUDGET OF \$1.1 BILLION (SEE REFS A AND B FOR DETAILS). GIVEN THE GOVERNMENT'S HUGE MAJORITY IN PARLIAMENT, APPROVAL WAS NEVER IN DOUBT. IT IS, HOWEVER, INTERESTING THAT, ALTHOUGH OPPOSITION SPOKESMEN HAD CRITICIZED THE BUDGET DURING THE DEBATES (ESPECIALLY ON GROUNDS THAT IT WAS INSUFFICIENTLY EXPANSIONARY AND THAT TAX STRUCTURE REMAINS OVERLY REGRESSIVE), WHEN THE TIME CAME FOR THE MINISTRY-BY-MINISTRY VOTE, NEGATIVE BALLOTS RANGED BETWEEN ONLY 10 AND 30 IN NUMBER.

2. OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE WAS THE CLOSING OF RANKS ON THE SUBJECT OF DEFENSE OUTLAYS. ONLY ONE NEGATIVE VOTE (BY A KKE-EXTERIOR DEPUTY) WAS CAST AGAINST THE NATIONAL DEFENSE MINISTRY'S ALLOCATION. CU/NF'S GEORGE MAVROS STRESSED

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THAT TOP PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO DEFENSE EXPENDITURES

AND THAT MINISTRY OF DEFENSE SHOULD REMAIN "INDIFFERENT TO
STATEMENTS MADE IN BRUSSELS ABOUT DETENTE." PASOK LEADER
PAPANDREOU ALSO URGED ACCEPTANCE OF DEFENSE BUDGET AND
CALLED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL "WAR INDUSTRY."
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